



## **Dr. RICHARD K. PIMENTEL**

Senior Partner - Milt Wright & Associates, Inc.

Richard Pimentel is one of the leading experts in the nation on Practical issues in Workers Compensation, Disability Management Overcoming Barriers, Crises and Change in the Workplace, Disability and Diversity issues in the workplace, Disabled Veterans Employment Opportunities, Job Retention, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Richard is not only technically proficient, he is also an exceptional communicator whose audiences praise his ability to combine information, humor, metaphor, analogy and storytelling into an informative whole that does not just *present* the information, but really *communicates* it in a memorable fashion.

As the key author of the highly acclaimed and widely used **Windmills** program designed to change the attitudes and behavior of supervisors who hire and promote employees with disabilities, he has played an influential role in creating workplace opportunities for persons with disabilities with many of America's largest and most prestigious government and employer organizations. In addition to fortune 100 companies,

Richard has designed over 15 comprehensive Disability Management Occupational and non occupational return to work programs for employers throughout the US and Canada.

He recently represented the US State Department on disability employment issues in Romania. He presently is designing Corporate and Government Return to Work programs and Employer job recruitment and retention programs for returning combat wounded soldiers.

Richard is a senior partner in the firm of Milt Wright & Associates, Inc. for which he conducts training and consultation nationwide on topics as diverse as Attitudinal Change in Health & Human Services, The Future of Disability Management, Return-to-Work Issues, and Emotional Ergonomics™. He has authored and co-authored numerous books and professional publications, including *What Managers and Supervisors Need to Know About the ADA*, *Making the ADA Work for You*, *The Workers compensation ADA Connection* and *Taking Control of Workers Compensation Disability Costs*.

**A full length motion picture of his life story "Music Within"** starring Ron Livingston, Melissa George and Michael Sheen was released in theaters through out the country in the fall 2007 and is now out on DVD.

He has consistently rated over the past 20 years as one of the top presenters at Employer, Government, Education and Disability Education Conferences through out the US and Canada.

Mr. Pimentel can be contacted by e-mailing [mwright@miltwright.com](mailto:mwright@miltwright.com) or calling 1-800-626-3939. His products are listed on his website at [www.miltwright.com](http://www.miltwright.com)



## **Jim Marks**

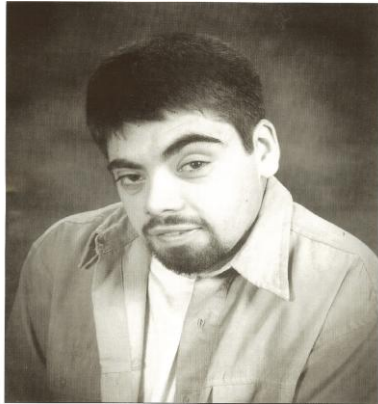
Jim Marks began working as the Disability Transitions Programs Director in the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services on January 4, 2010. He is the state administrator of vocational rehabilitation for Montana.

Jim formerly worked as the Director of Disability Services for Students at the University of Montana, a position he held for over 21 years. Under Jim's leadership, Disability Services moved from an office of one half time person to a staff of thirteen professionals and about eighty student employees and volunteers. In addition, the numbers of students increased from approximately 120 to the 1,100 students with disabilities currently enrolled at the University. One of the hallmarks of Jim's leadership was his office's commitment to assuring an accessible learning environment and encouraging self-determination by students with disabilities.

Jim is blind and uses the long white cane, Braille, and other alternative techniques and tools of the blind. Formerly, he worked in a center for independent living and in a medical rehabilitation hospital. He previously authored the Missoulian newspaper, monthly column on disability rights called, "In the Mainstream."

Prior to changing careers from disability support services in higher education to vocational rehabilitation, Jim served as the President Elect of the Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD). Formerly, he was AHEAD's Treasurer and Co-chairman of the Special Interest Group on Blindness and Visual Impairments. He sat on the Board of Directors of Recording for the Blind and the Dyslexic and was active in the National Federation of the Blind on the national, state, and local levels. For example, Jim has been a member of the NFB Scholarship Committee since 1995. In addition, Jim was a member of the Missoula Downtown Lions Club and was active on several other disability advisory and advocacy groups. Among these are US Fund for Daisy, a foundation supporting the Daisy Consortium, and Access-Text, a network of publisher e-text in higher education. He is a certified Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Hunter Education Instructor.

Jim lives in Helena with his wife Kathy, who is a fiscal officer for a local non-profit organization. They have four children, all of whom are currently enrolled as college students in Montana and Washington.



## **MICHAEL BEERS COMEDIAN**

A large portion Michael's act is based on his own life growing up in Montana with his mother and three his sisters, their dogs, and a disability. He also ventures into some social and political commentary.

Michael is currently traveling around the country performing mostly at conferences. He won the Norman G. Brooks comedy competition at the Hollywood Improv in 2005.

His humor cashes in on the subtlety of everyday life and is perfectly paced by his tempered on-stage composure, which is hilarious and wholly likeable. Mike has a very unique gift of being able to pull out a full set of comedy that is not obscene in its content, but still leaves crowds clutching their stomachs with laughter. Mike's comedy is surprisingly insightful and good-natured, enough to leave any audience feeling light-hearted with a new perspective on life. *Marianne Blaue/UC Event Coordinator*

"His humor, new and old fans say, is hilarious and powerful because it is honest." *Betsy Cohen/Missoulia*



## **Earl Suttle, Ph.D. Biographical Sketch**

Dr. Earl Suttle is the Founder and Chairman of Leadership Success International, LLC, an international training and consulting company based in Atlanta, GA, that specializes in working with businesses and organizations to increase their profits and productivity through developing their

people. He is also a faculty member of the prestigious SUCCESS University. Dr. Suttle earned his doctorate in Addiction Studies from International University for Graduate Studies.

As a business consultant and dynamic, entertaining keynote professional speaker, Dr. Suttle delivers nearly 75 presentations throughout the year in the United States and South Africa. He is the coauthor of five books with Dr. John Hubbard: "Earl's Pearls on Enjoying Excellence," "Preparing for and Managing High-Risk Situations in the Lives of College Athletes (An Athlete's Guide)," "Preparing for and Managing High-Risk Situations in the Lives of Professional Athletes (A Player's Guide)," "Great Life Choices for Teens (Who Want to Make a Difference)" and their most recent, "From Stressed to

Blessed". All books have been receiving rave reviews. He also has produced a number of CD's and DVD's on leadership, professional and personal development.

He has conducted keynote addresses and seminars for many corporations such as AFLAC Insurance, AT&T Corporation, Delta Air Lines, The Coca-Cola Company, American Express, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, United States Postal Service, Kraft Foods, The Hartford Insurance Group, Wachovia Bank, The Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Georgia Department of Labor, Cobb EMC, Anheuser-Busch Companies, The University of Miami, The University of Georgia, and many more. Dr. Suttle is also a consultant to the NBA (National Basketball Association) and the NFL (National Football League), where he works directly with players.

His wife, Dr. Felicia Suttle, is President of Leadership Success International, LLC, and host of her own talk show, "Conversations with Felicia" on The Africa Channel that airs in the US, UK, and the Caribbean. Earl and his wife have been featured on CNN, Ebony Magazine and InStyle Magazine. Dr. Suttle is the proud father of one son, Darron, two daughters, Lindi and Zani, and two grandchildren.

As a professional speaker and business consultant, Dr. Suttle is available to do training and keynote speaking at conventions, companies, federal and state-sponsored events, civic associations, school systems, and churches. To learn more about his speaking availability and seminar schedules, as well as Dr. Suttle's resources, contact him by phone at 770-992-4433; email him at [earl@leadershipsuccessintl.com](mailto:earl@leadershipsuccessintl.com); or visit his website at [www.earlsuttle.com](http://www.earlsuttle.com)



## Quentin Schroeter

Quentin Schroeter is NAMI Montana's Consumer Support and Outreach Specialist graduated from Helena High School. He was further educated at the University of Chicago, Shimer College, the University of London, and Claremont School of Theology. Quentin holds a Bachelors of Arts in Humanities and a Masters degree in Religious Studies. As person with Bipolar Disorder, he facilitates a

"NAMI Connections" Support Group, Peer-to-Peer Seminars, and "In Our Own Voice" Presentations. Quentin has been an active member of NAMI for eight years.

On March 31, 2010, Michael Fitzpatrick of NAMI National announced that Quentin had been chosen to receive the 2010 Lionel Aldridge Award. This prestigious award is given annually to someone with mental illness for their courage, leadership, and service on behalf of all people who live with mental illness. NAMI Montana is beyond proud of Quentin for this amazing accomplishment.

Contact [info@namimt.org](mailto:info@namimt.org) if you would like to have Quentin come meet with your community.